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PROTESTERS DEMAND VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION

Several thousand pro-Chavez militants hurled firecrackers and smoke bombs at 1,200 well-protected demonstrators marching to the presidential palace to deliver their ultimatum, report the media. The demonstration occurred three days before a 12-hour strike planned by opposition business and labor organizations to protest economic reforms. The march was uneventful and controlled by local authorities, comments the Embassy. (Watch/Embassy Caracas telcon, Reuters)

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